

[19th August 1925]

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The question is engaging the attention of the Government."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Are they going to pass early orders or not ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" They will do so as early as possible."

Closing of the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem, Godavari district.

* 107 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the allopathic dispensary at Gangareddigudem in the Godavari district has been closed and if so, the reasons for the same ?

A.—The Local Fund dispensary at Gangareddigudem has not been closed, nor it is proposed to close it.

Public Health.

Vaccination in the Presidency.

* 108 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the discussion during the recent budget debate (i.e., on 30th March 1925) on vaccination in connexion with a grant for the King Institute at Guindiy and to state—

- (a) what steps are being taken—
 - (i) for conveying vaccine untainted to the hands of the vaccinators and
 - (ii) for preserving it in proper condition in the custody of vaccinators;
- (b) what action has been taken or is contemplated for appointment of duly qualified and properly paid vaccinators and for supervising the work of vaccinators;
- (c) what are the educational qualifications and training exacted from vaccinators; and
- (d) what are the various grades of salaries and allowances of vaccinators whether under direct control of Government or under the control of local authorities ?

A.—(a) (i) & (ii) The directions issued for the use of vaccine lymph in the Presidency specify among other things the precautions to be taken in conveying vaccine to the hands of vaccinators untainted and for preserving it in proper condition until it is actually used. Relevant extracts ^a from these directions which have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* are placed on the Council Table. The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer given to question No. 123 at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 5th February 1925.

(b) The Government have prescribed by rules framed under the District Municipalities Act and the Local Boards Act the

^a Printed as Appendix V on pages 259-260 infra.